

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00563-JEB**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/13/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/13/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5370600) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Certificate of Service)(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 03/13/2018)
03/14/2018		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zsb) (Entered: 03/14/2018)
03/14/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 03/14/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Howard M. Crystal on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Crystal, Howard) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/28/2018	<u>4</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service)(Su, Anchun) (Main Document 4 replaced on 3/29/2018) (znmw). (Entered: 03/28/2018)
03/30/2018	<u>5</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>as to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia regarding Complaint <u>1</u> by Plaintiff's attorney Anchun Su</i> filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service)(Su, Anchun) Modified on 4/2/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/30/2018)
04/02/2018		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>5</u> Request for Summons to Issue; emailed to jsu@biologicaldiversity.org, cc'd 5 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect event used, 2. Incorrect document/case, 3. Please refile document, 4. ENTERED IN ERROR; Unclear whether this is a return of service or a request to reissue a summons; Refile as a Summons Returned Executed as to US Attorney (FOIA), if appropriate. (znmw,) (Entered: 04/02/2018)
04/05/2018	<u>6</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>as to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia</i> re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Scott Leeson Sroka on behalf of All Defendants (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>8</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against All Defendants filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons, # <u>2</u> Certificate of Service)(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/13/2018	<u>9</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to JOHN J. SULLIVAN. (td) (Main Document 9 replaced on 4/13/2018) (ztd). (Entered: 04/13/2018)
05/02/2018	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>8</u> Amended Complaint by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/04/2018		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. The Court ORDERS that Defendants shall respond to the Complaint on or before June 1, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/4/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 05/04/2018)

05/04/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 6/1/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 05/07/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. JOHN J. SULLIVAN served on 5/2/2018 (Su, Anchun) (Entered: 05/21/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/19/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A Return Receipts)(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 05/21/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>13</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/23/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A Return Receipts)(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 05/21/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>14</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/2/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/2/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A Return Receipts)(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 05/21/2018)
06/01/2018	<u>15</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>8</u> Amended Complaint by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>15</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. The Court ORDERS that Defendants shall respond to the Complaint on or before July 2, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/1/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 7/2/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 06/04/2018)
06/14/2018	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by David Scott Gualtieri on behalf of All Defendants (Gualtieri, David) (Entered: 06/14/2018)
06/22/2018	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>8</u> Amended Complaint by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Gualtieri, David) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
06/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Consent <u>17</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. The Court ORDERS that Defendants shall respond to Claims 1 and 2 of the Complaint on or before August 29, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/22/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
06/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Respond by 8/29/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
07/02/2018	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to <u>8</u> Amended Complaint by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by July 16, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/2/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 7/16/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>On FOIA Claims</i> by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Crystal, Howard) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before September 14, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/16/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/14/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
08/29/2018	<u>20</u>	MOTION to Partially Dismiss Amended Complaint by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gualtieri, David) Modified text on 8/29/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 08/29/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>21</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Partial as to First & Second Claims for Relief</i> by CENTER FOR

		BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Crystal, Howard) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Plaintiff's <u>21</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. The Court ORDERS that Plaintiff shall file its response to Defendants' Partial Motion to Dismiss on or before September 28, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/5/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 9/28/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/11/2018	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of filing Memorandum in Support of Motion to Partially Dismiss Amended Complaint with corrected hyperlinks by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>20</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Partial as to First & Second Claims for Relief</i> (Gualtieri, David) (Entered: 09/11/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>as to FOIA Claims</i> by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by November 13, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/13/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/13/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>24</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Partial as to First & Second Claims for Relief</i> by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Su, Anchun) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Unopposed <u>24</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that Plaintiff shall respond to Defendants' Partial Motion to Dismiss by October 5, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/25/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 10/5/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
10/05/2018	<u>25</u>	RESPONSE re <u>20</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Partial as to First & Second Claims for Relief Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Partial Motion to Dismiss</i> filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 10/05/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>26</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Partial as to First & Second Claims for Relief</i> by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Gualtieri, David) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Unopposed <u>26</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply. The Court ORDERS that Defendants shall file their Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss by October 23, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/9/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Replies due by 10/23/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>27</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>20</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Partial as to First & Second Claims for Relief</i> filed by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gualtieri, David) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>28</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>20</u> Motion to Partially Dismiss Amended Complaint. The Court ORDERS that (1) the First and Second Claims for Relief are DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE; and (2) if Plaintiff wishes to file an amended complaint, it must do so by December 10, 2018. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/8/2019. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>29</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION re <u>28</u> Order on Motion to Partially Dismiss. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/8/2018. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/08/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Amended Pleadings due by 12/10/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 11/08/2018)

11/13/2018	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>as to FOIA Claims</i> by JOHN J. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER ADOPTING the parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report. The Court ORDERS that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 14, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/13/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/14/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>31</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT (<i>Second Amended Complaint</i>) against All Defendants filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.(Su, Anchun) (Entered: 12/07/2018)